

Newtown Animal Control Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 11th, 2014

Location: B.J.S Animal Care & Control Center of Newtown

Attendance: Adria Henderson, Frank McCloskey, Gene Rosen, Joy Brewster, Jane Hellman, Robin Olson, Carolee Mason, Jen Cramer, & Amy Sullivan

Meeting started @ 7:05pm

July 30th minutes

- All approved via email & minutes posted on Town web site. There was no meeting in August.

Sunny Update

- Amy still fostering Sunny & gave an update. Sunny's doing well, especially with other dogs. She feels Sunny could be adopted into a home with a male dog. She can also now be crated & left alone up to 4 hours. Amy's willing to help transition Sunny to her adopted home with the methods she has used. She also continues to keep her on the meds.
- The Board agreed to have Jane Grauer, Sunny's trainer to date, evaluate her & also have an independent specialist evaluate Sunny prior to proactively advertising (ie posting video) Sunny for adoption. Also will put together an adopter profile. (ie family with pit bull/dog rescue experience)

HVAC Update

- Carolee thought someone from Environmental Testing & Balancing, Inc. was back to retest the baseline specifications per Fred but the ACB is still waiting for report.
- Once received, ACB will then send baseline information to UC Davis with other information for their review & recommendations on other ways to improve the ventilation.

Play Yard priorities

- No progress on play yard open items since last meeting.
 - o #1 outdoor runs tops done except to install hurricane clips when they come in.
 - o #2 Pavers under & between fences in all runs.
 - o #3 Replace the sod with gravel in 3 runs has not started yet. Jane dropped off ¾ inch washed natural stone sample @ Fred Hurley's office.
 - o #4 Lamp post exposed wires will disappear once security cameras are installed and crack in base will be sealed.

Telephone system

- Supposedly the message prompts looping caller around was fixed by Maureen Wills, Director of Communications. Gene Rosen will call & verify it.

Mailbox

- 21 Old Farm Road mailbox is now up. The Board will send mail to shelter to check delivery.

Solar Panels

- New panels received from a grant were installed at shelter & other town buildings

Security Cameras

- FOB will work now but shelter still waiting for cameras.

Expenses

ACO Mason will verify what budget the expense will come from... the town, shelter, or

bequest money. It should not come from the bequest money.

Adoptions

- Sophia (Cat) & Spy (dog) adopted since last meeting

Board positions

- Jen Cramer is resigning as a voting member & will become an alternate
- Jane Hellman, currently an alternate, will become a voting member.

Parking @ Shelter

- No progress or update from Fred Hurley about putting up the split rail fence between the shelter and the dog park as discussed with ACO Mason. They can then close the gate after hours and limit vehicular traffic in the Shelter area as the increased traffic is unsettling to the dogs.

Trap, Neuter, & Release (TNR) program

- Need to get word out to volunteer, develop targeted program/approach & assign resources to sectors.
- Invite Monica Roberto from the Animal Center, to the next Board meeting to get information & create a profile on existing colonies & if they are being fed.
- Develop feral cat program including wish list for food donations. Put link on website about program, volunteers needed & wish list

Bee Article

- Adria is working on an article in the Bee but on hold until waiting TNR information is done. She'll also provide an update on other key areas focused on/completed & a map of new facility to help increase awareness.

New Business

Training for other dogs @ Shelter

- ACO Mason noted the need for other select dogs, like Sunny, that need training to help get adopted. Board agreed that "Juno" will attend next obedience class @ Cassio starting Tues. morning 10-11 to be covered by the Shelter budget. "Dolly" will be the next shelter dog to start training.

Election of Officers

- Gene moved to nominate current slate of officers to same positions. Adria Henderson Chair, Robin Olson Co-chair, & Frank McCloskey Secretary. Jen Cramer seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Next Meeting – Either Wed. Oct. 8th or Thur. 9th depending on Pat Llodra's availability. Adria will confirm.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm
Submitted by Frank McCloskey**